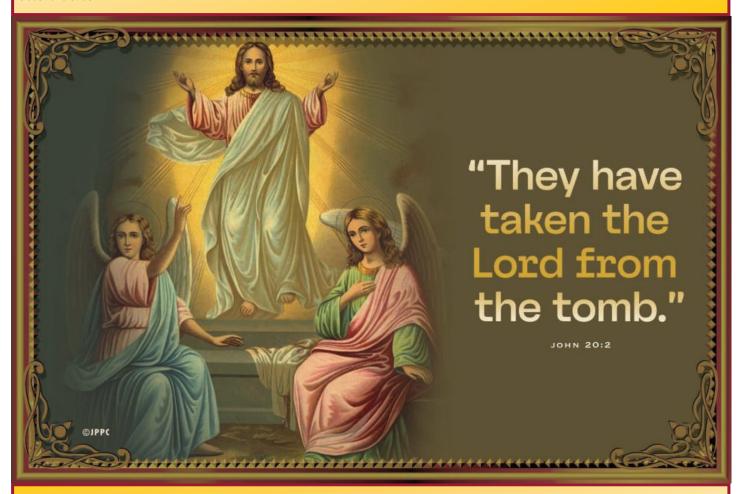
SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH 117 Washington Street Bath, Pennsylvania 18014-1524

OUR MISSION

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish is a defined community of the Roman Catholic Church which seeks, as its ultimate goal, the fullness of the Kingdom of God as proclaimed by our Lord Jesus Christ, and as taught by the authentic teaching authority of the Holy Catholic Church.

We profess unity in belief, worship, and morals with our Holy Father and our Bishop. We seek to provide the fullness of life in the Church through the Sacred Liturgy, prayer, education, religious formation, outreach, and service to our neighbors and each other.



EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 9, 2023

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR: Ms. Wendy S. Krisak - <u>Direct Telephone</u>: (800) 791-9209 DIOCESAN SECRETARY FOR YOUTH PROTECTION: Pamela J Russo-Telephone: (610) 871-5200, Ext. 2204

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)

April 8 Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22,1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15—15:1/Is

54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32 -4:4/

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10

12:00 PM Blessings of the Baskets

8:00 PM Celebrant's Intentions

Sunday, Easter Sunday

April 9 Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Col 5:6b-8/

Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

7:00 AM Stephen J. Paukovits

r/b Paukovits and Raykos Families

9:00 AM Carl Blair Smith

r/b Maureen and Joe

11:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Monday, Monday within the Octave of Easter

April 10 Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

9:00 AM Mary Kovalovsky

r/b husband John (late) and sons

Tuesday, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

April 11 Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

 $8{:}00~\text{AM}~\text{Anna Marth and Ed Gaspar}$

r/b Family

Wednesday, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

April 12 Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35

8:00 AM Donna Lesko

r/b James Lesko

Thursday, Thursday within the Octave of Easter

April 13 Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

8:00 AM Joseph LePage

r/b Denise LePage

Friday, Friday within the Octave of Easter

April 14 Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

8:00 AM David Eckel

r/b Hillhouse Family

Saturday, Sunday of Divine Mercy (anticipated)

April 15 Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Sunday, Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 16 Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

7:00 AM Anna and Stephen Kleinschuster

r/b George Gasper

9:00 AM Peggy Dunbar

r/b John Dunbar

11:00 AM Adam and Doris Smicker r/b Maruscak Family



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from
April 7 through April 13
for the repose of the soul of

Matt Schweitzer r/b wife, Anne

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Evening (Vigil): 5:00 PM Sunday Mass: 7 AM, 9 AM and 11 AM

Weekdays:

Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM



THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 3:45 – 4:30 pm

Thursday during Adoration at 7:00 pm Monday through Friday mornings

7:30 – 7:50 am

Anytime upon reasonable request



BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

are burning from April 7 through April 13 for the repose of the soul of



Anna Marth r/b Family

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from April 7 through April 13 for the repose of the soul of



Eleanor Donello r/b Andy and family

THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES

are burning from April 7 through April 13 for the repose of the soul of



Stephen J. Paukovits

r/b Paukovits and Raykos families

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles

4/15-4/16	
5:00 PM	
7:00 AM	
9:00 AM	
11:00 AM	

Lectors Richard Brand William Doncsecz Tom Weber Chris Gonella

Deacons/EMHCs

Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Lewis Ferris

Altar Servers

Caden Kocsis

Daniel Holub John Vallance

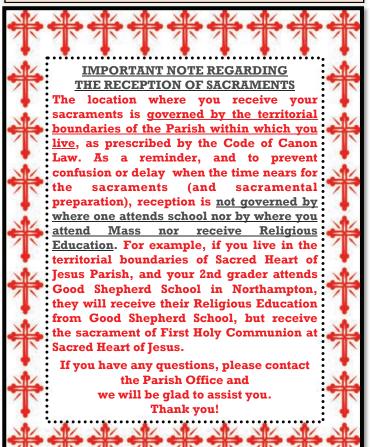
EASTER SUNDAY READINGS APRIL 9th

First Reading— Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. (Acts 10:34a, 37-43)

Psalm—"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." (Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23)

Second Reading—Brothers and Sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. (Col 3:1-4) or (1 Cor 5:6b-8)

Gospel -- On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." (In 20:1-9)





WITH FATHER BUTERA

ONLINE MASS



Please "join" Father Butera online via Facebook as he celebrates daily Mass on Wednesdays in his private chapel. You can view the Mass live on Facebook at 8:00 am or watch a video recording of the Mass at a later time. Look for other updates from Father on Sacred Heart's Facebook page. It is a great way to keep up-to-date with the Parish and current events and to stay connected spiritually through the livestreamed liturgical services!

Sacred Heart Live Streaming events found at: Facebook: follow @sacredheartofjesusbath (https:// www.facebook.com/sacredheartofjesusbath) Twitter: follow@sacredheartbath (https://twitter.com/sacredheartbath) Periscope: follow@sacredheartbath (https://www.pscp.tv/sacredheartbath/follow) Videos may also be live-streamed on YouTube or uploaded when available:

https://www.youtube.com/SacredHeartBath





EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, April 13 8:30 am - 9:00 pm in Church Confession: 7:00-8:00 pm



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

Frank A. Dest of Sacred Heart Parish

PRO-LIFE CORNER

As the post-Roe vs. Wade decision moves the abortion battle from primarily surgical abortions to chemical abortions, more and more pro-life States are either banning or restricting the availability of these toxic drugs. The State of Wyoming just passed the first law, banning the use of these drugs. Apparently, some other States have levels of restrictions. In Pennsylvania, we have no restrictions of any kind on any form of abortion. Elections matter folks!

The three major pharmacy chains apparently will abide by whatever the local State laws are concerning these two generic medications. Although they are under a lot of pressure from the pro-abortion groups to dispense them even if defies local laws. So much for being pro-choice.

- - Deacon Lewis Ferris

MASS INTENTIONS CELEBRATED BY REVEREND JEFF WHORTON ACTIVE DUTY ARMY CHAPLAIN



David Eckel

r/b Chris and Marcia Tallarico

Thomas Fiorini (2)

r/b Mary Lou and Bob Ross and Michael Capobianco

John Kovalovsky r/b George Gasper

Charles Pammer r/b Joe and Pat Sommer

Joyce Wunderler (2)

r/b John Schwartz and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Kovalovsky and family

WHAT IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY?

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina.

In all, St. Faustina recorded 14 revelations from Jesus concerning His desire for this feast. Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina — nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.

Please join the Lay Dominicans in preparation for Mercy Sunday Feast day for nine consecutive days. The <u>Divine Mercy Novena</u> which started on April 7th after Good Friday services, continued privately on the 8th and 9th and <u>in community after weekday Mass Monday April 10th through Friday April 14nd, and ends privately on the 15th, day nine.</u>

Divine Mercy Sunday
Sacred Heart of Jesus Church
Sunday, April 16th from 12:15-3:30 pm*

<u>Devotions will begin after the 11:00 am Mass</u>

12:15 pm—Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

12:30 pm—Rosary

1:15 pm—Confessions

2:00 pm—Divine Mercy meditations, blessing and veneration

3:00 pm—Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction

*times are approximate

Look for the Divine Mercy Novena prayer pamphlets in the Church Vestibule. Please take advantage of Jesus' offering of this great grace of mercy!



HAPPY SPRING FUNDRAISER! SACRED HEART PARISH, BATH, PA MARCH 31ST THROUGH APRIL 23RD



With the onset of Spring and Mother's Day, we are offering a great and easy way to help you shop for gardening, gifts and other spring merchandise....all while supporting Sacred Heart Parish!

The Happy Spring program is a fun and convenient way to buy gifts for that special mother, grandmother, aunt or sister on Mother's Day! And don't forget to order something for yourself! Sacred Heart will receive 40-50% profit with this exciting NEW fundraiser!

It's easy to participate! Just pick up a catalog with order form or order online from our website. Catalogs and order forms will be available in the church vestibule, parish and lower level offices in Burkhart Building. Make gardening, shopping and gift giving easy! Questions? Please call Karen at 610-837-6391



CLOTHING SHED

USED CLOTHING DROP-OFF - OPEN 24-7
Sacred Heart Church upper parking lot
Proceeds to Sacred Heart Church
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The clothing is sent to people in need both in the US and in third world countries.

.PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ARTICLES OUTSIDE THE BIN. THANK YOU!

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS					
Belts	Blankets	Clothing	Drapes	Purses	
Sheets	Shoes	Sneakers	Stuffed Animals		

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Fabric Scraps	Household goods	Rags	Toys
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HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER!!

-UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

Monday, April 10 – Monthly Membership Meeting
7:00pm Rosary; 7:30pm Meeting, Burkhart Bldg. & Zoom
Friday, April 21 – KofC "Ascension Cheesecake" Fundraiser begins
Saturday, April 22 – Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup 7:15am Lower Church Parking Lot

A Reflection by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: And about three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"...But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit. And behold the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. (Mt 27:46, 50-51) We can sometimes get the idea that Jesus was a "nice guy" and that the purpose as Christians is to be nice people who do nice things and don't bother with anything unpleasant. Jesus' heartrending words from the cross should demolish this misconception. Here the Son of God cries out, quoting Psalm 22 "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" He gives us permission to make these words our own-in whatever moments of pain and suffering we experience. You and I are invited to pour out our hearts openly to God in trust and confidence.

Did You Know: Our Holy Father's Prayer Intention "We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

For additional information about joining our Council; the activities we foster and the sharing of fellowship with millions of Brother Knights; go to www.KofCl4464.org or contact our Grand Knight, Brother Paul Bunting at pwbunting@gmail.com for details.

Food Drive





FOOD BANK

The food in the Food Bank bins is donated to St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank and the Bath Area Food bank at

St. John's Lutheran Church on a rotating basis. Non-perishables or monetary donations are greatly needed. The next food distribution is on April 11 from 9:30-11 am and from 6-7 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bath. Volunteers are needed Friday, April 7 beginning at 9:00 am to help pack the groceries for Tuesday pick up. Volunteers are now needed on the Friday before distribution. Access is at the rear of the church; food will be brought to you. Thank you for your donations!

Your Stewardship Report - March 26				
First Collection		Other collections -		
Other Collections	\$960	from envelopes dated		
<u>Other</u>	<u>\$38</u>	other than		
		March 26		
Total Collections	\$7,950			
		Other - donations,		
Rice Bowl	\$1,610	candles, etc.		

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH Next Week's Collections - April 16



<u>First</u> Sunday Collection

> Second None

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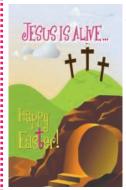
HAPPY EASTER!! Our Rice Bowl journey has ended, but our prayers, fasting and

almsgiving continue as we seek a closer relationship with God and our global family. Let us hold in our hearts our sisters and brothers in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya and commit to share our Easter joy with people in our local community and around the world.

Return your filled Rice Bowls to the Church ramp entrance vestibule or parish office.

Thank you for your generosity!

EASTER MESSAGE



We wish everyone a very Blessed and Happy Easter. Always remember that you are not alone, unloved, or forgotten. We have a brother (Jesus) who died for us, a mother (Mary) who loves us unconditionally, and a father (God) who will never leave our side and all of them will never forget us.

Have a great Easter... God Bless!!!

WEEKLY OFFERING

If you are not able to attend Mass, please continue to submit your weekly offering envelopes:

 \Rightarrow Mail your envelopes to:

Sacred Heart Church 210 E. Northampton Street Bath, PA 18014

- Online Giving available through Sacred Heart's website at <u>www.sacredheartbath.org</u>. Click on the "Donate" button on the home page below the picture of the altar.
- Drop-off your envelopes at our "self-service station" in the Burkhart Building during Parish office hours

Thank you for continuing to support Sacred Heart of Jesus parish!



BIBLE STUDY—OPEN TO ALL BURKHART BUILDING

SATURDAY 10:00 AM—11:30 AM
April 15th, May 6th and 20th

We will continue to work our way through St. Paul's epistles. Currently we are studying 2Corinthians from the St. Ignatius Catholic Study Bible, by Scott Hahn. Please join us. If you have any questions, email: lferris_2000@yahoo.com.

EASTER PRAYERS

OSRICE BOWL

- † Dear brothers and sisters, Easter does not work magic. Just as the Israelites found the desert awaiting them on the far side of the Red Sea, so the Church, after the resurrection, always finds history filled with joy and hope, grief and anguish. And yet, this history is changed, it is marked by a new and eternal covenant, it is truly open to the future. For this reason, saved by hope, let us continue our pilgrimage, bearing in our hearts the song that is ancient and yet ever new: "Let us sing to the Lord: glorious his triumph!" Pope Benedict XVI, 2010
- † Blessed are you, O Mary, silent witness of Easter! You, O Mother of the Crucified One now risen, who at the hour of pain and death kept the flame of hope burning, teach us also to be, amongst the incongruities of passing time, convinced and joyful witnesses of the eternal message of life and love brought to the world by the Risen Redeemer. Pope John Paul II, 2004
- † Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in you will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect our military, police officers, fireman, and all who put their lives in danger when called to the line of duty. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm so that they can safeguard the scared and innocent. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO
BENEFITS: ST. NICHOLAS
CATHOLIC CHURCH, WALNUPORT, PA



Diamond Fire Hall 110 Main Street Walnutport, PA

Sunday, April 30, 2023



Featuring authentic

*Coach *Michael Kors

*Vera Bradley *Dooney & Bourke

Doors open 11:30 am Bingo Begins 1:00 pm

Pre-Sales Tickets Available Tickets \$30 per person/25 games (20 regular bingo & 5 specials)

TRICKY TRAY *DOOR PRIZE*BAKE SALE
BASKET RAFFLE**KITCHEN OPEN

FOR ADVANCE TICKETS & INFORMATION

Call: Marianne at 610-703-4943 or Email:

fundraising@stnicholaswalnutport.org

Every seat must have a ticket to participate.



COME AND JOIN THE FUN!!!





WALKING WITH WOMEN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT RETREAT

The Bernardine Franciscan Sisters are hosting a retreat on April 22, 2023 from 9:30AM to 3:30PM.

"Walking with Women of the New Testament"
with Mass offered by
Father Philip Maas
Adoration, Confession, activities, and lunch
The event will be held at the

McGlinn Conference and Spirituality Center (460 Saint Bernardine Street, Reading).

The cost is \$30 per person.

Kindly register by April 8th.

For more information: email followfrancis@bfranciscan.org

5th Annual Business Leaders Breakfast



Recover. Succeed. Transform.

You're Invited to Breakfast!

April 21st, 2023 7-9 AM at DeSales University

Join us for our Fifth Annual Business Leaders Breakfast! Each year, leaders in the community gather together to support the mission of the Lehigh Valley's first - AND ONLYrecovery high school, get an update on its progress, hear from one of the outstanding business leaders in our community, network with one another, and learn about ways in which the community can help students on their recovery journey. We are thrilled to welcome John Bailie, Ph.D as our keynote speaker. John, who works at Compass Point, as a Family Business Advisor, helps senior executives learn how to forge stronger relationships, build a dynamic company culture, and strategically deploy their collective strengths. John's Ph.D work focused on adult learning and change, and he has taught organizational development at both Columbia University as well as the International Institute for Restorative Practices Graduate School. Through his personal blog, Leading Conflict: How to Fight at Work, John explores leadership, conflict, and culture.

To register for the Breakfast please visit: https://forms.gle/xiEDJZtz3JjuwGkJ8

ADMISSION IS FREE

Registration is now open!!!

Network, learn, grow and support Kolbe Academy!

GIFT CARDS—GREAT GIFTS YEAR-ROUND!
BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, BRIDAL & BABY SHOWERS,
OR JUST TO SAY THANK YOU

What a great gift to give ALL YEAR ROUND. Buy gift cards at Sacred Heart Parish for yourself or someone you know through our Shopwithscript program. You can purchase Giant, Weis, Wegmans, and Ahart's gift cards for your grocery shopping needs.

Please stop in at the lower level of the Burkhart office (BLUE DOORS) between 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday and see the many available qift cards.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call 610-837-6391.

St. MONICA MINISTRY HOLY HOUR St. Theresa Church

1408 Easton Rd., Hellertown, PA April 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM



Are you heartbroken because members of your family have left the Church? Join the St. Monica Ministry in petitioning Our Lord to draw back into the fold our loved ones who have strayed, and to give strength and wisdom to those who await their return. Together we will offer our prayers at a Holy Hour offered monthly.

Please join us to pray for your loved ones.

No registration required. For more information, visit:

www.allentowndiocese.org/stmonicaministry

SACRED HEART PARISH GIFT CARD PROGRAM

GROCERY GIFT CARDS

Sacred Heart Will Earn 5% Every Time You Grocery Shop

Make grocery shopping more convenient by purchasing gift cards in the lower-level parish office: Ahart's, Giant, Wegmans, Weis, Redner's

OTHER AVAILABLE GIFT CARDS

Sacred Heart can earn up to 16% from sales of the gift cards listed below that we have on hand.



Please stop by the lower office in the Burkhart Building (Blue Doors) and check out our supply of cards or pick up a list of available gift cards that can be ordered.

For more info: Please email Karen at kshimko@sacredheartbath.org or call 610-837-6391 - Monday through Friday between 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

This is a great way to help support our Parish!!!

For full list of available gift cards for ordering go to: www.sacredheartbath.org



Gift Card	Percentage Earned	Denominations	Gift Card	Percentage Earned	Denominations
Apple Store	5%	\$15/\$25	Applebee's	8%	\$25
Bath & Body Works	12%	\$25	Texas Roadhouse	8%	\$25
Best Buy	4%	\$25	Domino's	8%	\$10
Home Depot	7%	\$25	Olive Garden	8%	\$25
Kohl's	4%	\$25/\$100	Panera	8%	\$10
Sheetz	3%	\$25	Wendy's	6.5%	\$10
Target	2.5%	\$25	Visa	1.25%	\$25
Walmart/Sam's	2.5%	\$25	Boscov's	8%	\$25
Outback/Carrabba's	8%	\$10/\$25	Old Navy/Gap	14%	\$25



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed at NOON on April 6 in observance of Holy Thursday, and CLOSED all day April 7 and April 10 in observance of Good Friday and Easter.

Parish Office will re-open on Tuesday, April 11th at 8:00 am.

DID YOU **LOSE** SOMETHING?

Look for it in the LOST AND FOUND BOX or

call the office at 610-837-7874



DID YOU FIND SOMETHING?

Please put it in the LOST AND FOUND BOX

Do not take it to the sacristy

The Lost and Found Box is located in the stairwell to the choir loft on the Blessed Mother side of the church.

PARISH INFORMATION

SACRED HEART OF JESUS RECTORY 210 East Northampton St., Bath, PA 18014-1625 PARISH OFFICE - BURKHART BUILDING

Office Hours - Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

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WELCOME

We welcome all who join us at our Mass. We encourage you to become an active participant in the life of our Parish. All Catholics who live within our Parish boundaries should register. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

is given to those who are seriously ill and in danger of death. When there is danger of death, please call the Pastor anytime, day or night.

GODPARENT/SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY FORMS

In order to act as a godparent for Baptism or a Sponsor for Confirmation, one must be a Catholic in good standing. Specifically this means Mass attendance every Sunday (Exodus 20:8), striving to live the moral precepts of the Church, and if married, a valid marriage in the Catholic Church.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

is celebrated on Sunday at Noon. If you are a parishioner and would like to schedule a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office. Prior to the baptism, parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class which is designed to instruct the parents about the teachings of the church regarding Baptism, and to offer assistance in the spiritual preparation for their child's reception of the first of the Sacraments of the Church.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Parishioners who are contemplating the Sacrament of Matrimony should contact the Pastor and mutually agree upon a date at least a year prior to the Wedding. The Church takes the preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony very seriously, and requires completion of the Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program six months before the wedding. The normative time for weddings is Saturday between 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM. Weddings are not celebrated on major holidays, nor on the first weekend of June in deference to Ordination of Priests each year at that time. Either the Bride or the Groom must be a practicing member of Sacred Heart Parish in order to request a wedding date.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

A Priest or Deacon will visit monthly. Extraordinary Ministers visit those who wish to receive more often. Always notify us about the homebound parishioners who wish to be visited.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Those who desire entrance into the Catholic Church are warmly welcome through the **RCIA**. Please contact the Pastor for more information.

CONSOLATION MINISTRY

The Consolation Ministry Reaches out to families who have experienced the death of a loved one in order to help them prepare for the Funeral Mass and gain an understanding of death as a believing Catholic. For more information on this ministry, please contact Joan West at 610-216-8062.

PARISH MEMORIALS

Following the death of a relative or friend, offerings may be made to the Church in loving memory of the deceased. Offerings may specify a particular request or be placed in the Memorial Fund for parish needs.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator,

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC, Direct Telephone Number: 1-800-791-9209

Secretary for Youth Protection

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS, Telephone Number: 610-871-5200, Ext. 2204, prusso@allentowndiocese.org

To learn more about the <u>Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs</u>, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, visit <u>www.allentowndiocese.org</u> and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner.

<u>COURAGE – Diocesan Help Line:</u> Father Ezaki at 610-573-7150 or Deacon Christopher May at 484-602-9400.

CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 800-276-1562.

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Text MALLORYSARMY to 22828 to get started. Message and data rates may apply.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF SAMANTHA LOSEPHSON









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